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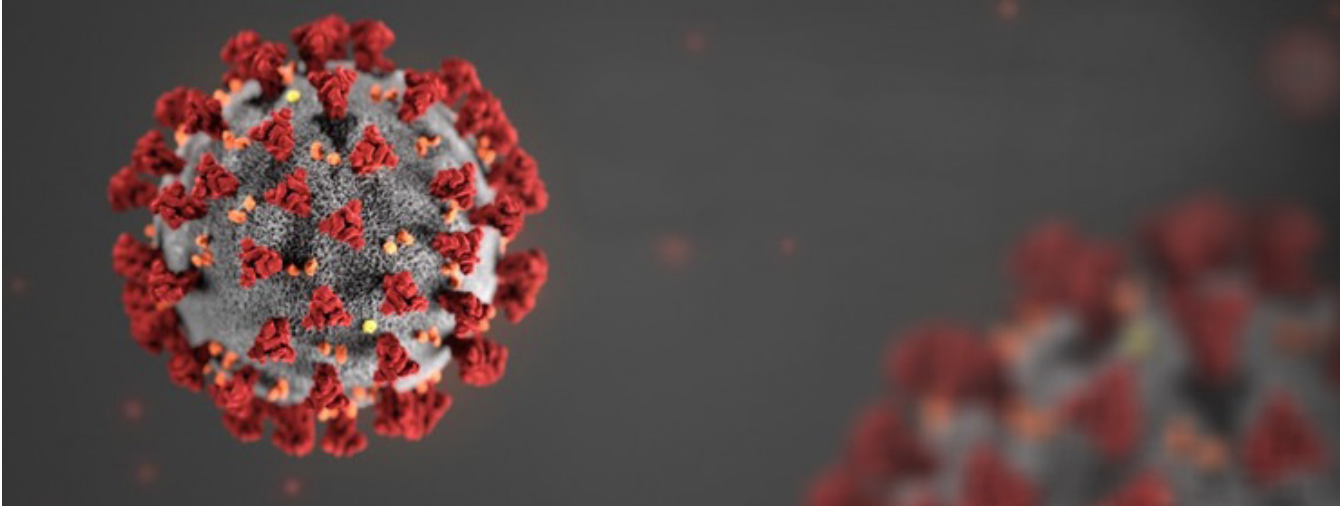


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COVID-19 Updates for NPS Faculty, Students and Staff

The latest news and information to ensure the NPS campus community is prepared for COVID-19.



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[COVID-19: NPS Planning Update – October 10, 2020 pdf.](#)

The Office of the Secretary of Defense has published [Holiday Season Guidance](#). As I’m sure you’re aware, across both the nation and the world, we are seeing a massive increase in COVID-19 cases and resulting hospitalizations. In the United States, the 7-day average of new cases exceeded 170,00 per day, a 15% increase, and hospitalizations have recorded record highs for 14 consecutive days reaching over 85,000. At this point, COVID-19 is getting worse not better.

The NPS team has also seen a spike of active COVID-19 cases in the past two weeks. To illustrate, below is summary of recent positive COVID-19 cases:

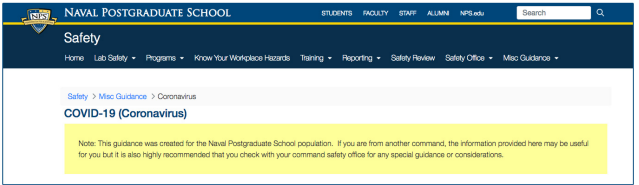
- Spouse: likely local transmission—2 Close Contacts, 0 infections
- SVM: likely local transmission—2 Close Contacts, 0 infections
- SVM: Out of state travel—1 Close Contact, 1 infection
- SVM: Out of Liberty Area travel, indoor gathering—20 Close Contacts (9 AD NPS SVM), 0 infections (investigation pending)
- SVM: Out of state travel—3 Close Contacts, 3 infections
- SVM: Family visit from out of local area, went to indoor gathering—3 Close Contacts, 3 infections, 3 secondary infections
- SVM: Indoor gathering with above—3 close contacts, 3 infections
- Spouse: Family visit—3 close contacts, 0 infections

While there have been zero on-campus exposures, the foremost commonality of exposure leading to infections is indoor gatherings and close contacts, not travel.

To stay safe and healthy this holiday season, I strongly encourage all to limit exposure to persons outside of your immediate family if at all possible.

For those residing in military housing areas, a hopefully unnecessary but not so gentle reminder that the Presidio of Monterey Commander’s [order](#) also contains guidance that governs your holiday gatherings (“Indoor gatherings inside of a residence, of any number of people from outside a single household are prohibited”) and is enforceable for residents in La Mesa housing, Ft. Ord housing, and on the Presidio.

The best course is not to gather with people outside of your immediate family. But if you must, the more outside air the better—ensure the area is properly ventilated; open windows and doors, provide outside air to the gathering—and follow the simple but effective measures



Get the [latest news and guidance](#) from federal, state and local agencies.



Naval Postgraduate School [Return to Campus Plan](#).



Key contacts for support for you and your family.



A shout out to our own heroes in the fight against COVID-19.



Answers to the campus community's most frequently asked questions.



The latest [DON/DOD guidance](#) issued from the Pentagon.

[Global Level 4 Health Advisory-Do Not Travel](#)



to break the chain of transmission.

- Maintain your distance
- Wear face coverings indoors and when within six feet
- Limit you time indoors
- If you or any of your guests have ANY symptoms, do NOT gather

Please consider carefully your plans for the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. If you are not able to quarantine for the 14-days following the holiday, then please consider postponing your travel plans or having visitors.

Lastly, as you take stock of your blessings, I encourage you to reach out and look after others who may be separated from family and friends. This pandemic has taken a toll on all our psyches, and for some, the holiday season is a source of even greater stress. As we head into the holiday season, I know that many members of the NPS family were planning to travel to reconnect with family and friends but are now not able to and others who were expecting visitors who now cannot travel, as well as those with relatives who are isolated. It’s been my experience that the more someone is focused on giving to others, the less likely someone is to be consumed by their own challenges.

The DoD has issued updated guidance on the expiration, extension, and issuance of CACs (svcmbr/employees) and USID cards (dependents/retirees) in light of the COVID-19 environment.

Please check the “Expires” date on you and your family members’ CAC/USID cards. If the date is before 30 June 2021, I strongly encourage you to read this [guidance](#).

- Expired CACs cannot be used after 30 Sep 2020
- Expired USID cards can be used to access installations until 30 Mar 21
- Expired USID cards can be used to access benefits until 30 Jun 21
- Age of initial issuance of USID card increased from 10 years to 14 years
- Priority of reissuance of cards will be given to expired CAC holders
- DEERS enrollment of newly acquired dependents may be completed through a remote process

More information can be found at <https://www.cac.mil/Coronavirus/>

Fall Academic Quarter:

After careful consideration of a multitude of factors including local health conditions, concerns for our at-risk population, K-12 distance learning plans, and limited availability of child care, the President has made decisions concerning the Fall Academic Quarter:

- NPS will remain in telework and distance learning modality
- Exceptions will remain for courses that require an on-campus classified environment
- On-campus research activities will continue to be authorized in accordance with current procedures
- Student study spaces will remain available in each of the schools (see your program officer for details)
- A reassessment of the telework posture will be conducted to allow interested faculty and staff to work more frequently from on-campus offices to facilitate regular office hours, student advising, and similar activities
- Access to campus shared spaces (i.e., classrooms and conference/breakout rooms) will be made available for groups of no more than 10 individuals for limited activities (group projects, exam administration, etc.)
- Library services will gradually expand, including longer physical material pick-up hours, access to restricted resource materials
- Resumption of certain extracurricular activities remain under continuous review

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She’s back: Cyber Awareness Challenge star Tina returns in coronavirus security [video](#)

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COVID-19 Announcements

- [COVID-19 Force Health Protection Order](#)
Wednesday, June 24, 2020
- [Navy Sets Rules for Lifting COVID-19 Travel Restrictions](#)
Friday, June 12, 2020
 - [Fact Sheet 1](#)
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NSA Monterey services update:

- Monterey Pines Golf Course is open for active duty, dependents, and DOD ID card holders; Golf Course Grill is open for takeout only
- Starbucks will open Thursday, 06 Aug (or shortly thereafter) for takeout only
- Barber Shop will open Monday, 10 Aug for active duty and dependents only

NSA Monterey conducts weekly ZOOM Town Halls and Q&A on Wednesdays at 1500

Trident Room Podcast: “Brewer of Stout Conversation, Unfiltered and On Tap” at <https://nps.edu/tridentroompodcast>

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- [CNO Message to the Fleet](#)
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What Can I Do to Be Prepared?

- Practice Prevention**
First and foremost, practice prevention! From washing your hands to staying home when you are sick. Check out the NPS Safety Office COVID-19 website for the latest resources at every level.
- Get Your Telework Agreement in Place**
Let's be prepared, as individuals and as an institution. See the COS' bulk message [here](#) on how to do it, and these [best practices for employees](#). For Supervisors, see these [instructions](#) on how to change employee's eligibility for telework.
- Register with the Emergency Alert System**
AtHoc can help you get information quickly, but you have to be sure your contact info is up to date. Check out [AtHoc Wiki page](#) for all the info.



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